

DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION
BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

3 CAPITOL HILL
BECK CONFERENCE ROOM
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Thursday, June 4, 2015
9:00 AM

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Lynn Finocchiaro, LICSW
Ronda Jones, MSW, QRC
Barry Noel, LCSW
Kimberly Perry, LICSW
Dr. Mary Ann Shallcross-Smith

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Connie Gallo, LCSW
Sandra Munroe Wunschel, LICSW

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Arlene Hartwell, Board Manager

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Anne Kugler
Robert P. Landau, Esq.
David A. Tulli, LICSW

1. Establishment of a quorum

A meeting of the Board of Social Work Examiners was held on Thursday, June 4, 2015 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, in the Beck Conference Room, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called to order at 9:06 AM on a motion by Barry Noel and seconded by Lynn Finocchiaro. Motion carried.

2. Presentation of the April 9, 2015 Open Session Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Lynn Finocchiaro and seconded by Ronda Jones to accept the Open Session minutes of April 9, 2015. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as presented. Motion carried.

3. Board Manager Report

- Arlene Hartwell presented a letter from the Association of Social Worker Boards (ASWB) indicating that the May, 2015 media coverage about computer attacks to Pearson VUE did not impact the ASWB examination processes.

4. Old Business

- The board voted unanimously to adopt the Standards of Practice/Code of Conduct which is based on the ASWB Model Practice Act.

5. New Business

- Barry Noel made a motion to table the presentation of the March 2015 New Board Member Training until Legislative Proposal 5900 is decided upon. The motion was seconded by Ronda Jones and the board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

6. Motion to adjourn to Closed Session

Motion was made by Mary Ann Shallcross-Smith and seconded by Lynn Finocchiaro to adjourn to Closed Session at 9:23 AM. Motion carried. Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure. Said individuals have been notified in advance by writing that they may request that the discussion be held at an open meeting. Also, pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(4) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct.

7. Motion to return to Open Session

Motion was made by Barry Noel and seconded by Lynn Finocchiaro at 11:00 AM to re-open the Open Session and to seal the Minutes of the Closed Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4, 42-46-5 and 42-46-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Motion carried.

8. Final Actions on all votes taken in Closed Session

- The board reviewed and approved 3 applications; and proposed action on 1 case. All votes were unanimous.

9. Adjournment

The next Board of Social Work Examiners meeting will be held Thursday, August 13, 2015 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 104, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion was made by Ronda Jones and seconded by Barry Noel to adjourn at 11:01 AM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Arlene Hartwell
Board Manager
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